

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 3, please insert the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the first paragraph which begins on page 1, line 3 and ends on line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a method for monitoring a field device used in automation technology ~~as defined in the preamble of claim 1.~~

On page 1, prior to the second paragraph which begins on line 6, please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 4, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 16, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 4, line 20 and ends on line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This object is achieved by a method which utilizes a control unit which requests, at intervals of time, an individual identifier of the field device and compares this with an identifier stored in the control unit ~~the features given in claim 1. Advantageous further developments of the invention are presented in the dependent claims.~~

On page 5, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 25, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

On page 6, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 2, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT